Introduction of trains like Shatabadi Express

99. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more trains like the Shatabadi Express are being envisaged;

(b) if so, on which routes and by when;

(c) whether any survey in this regard has been conducted; if so, what are the findings and recommendations in respect thereof; and

(d) what is the estimated expenditure involved therein?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (d) The present run of the Shatabadi Express having a maximum speed limit of 140 Km/h, is experimental in nature. Based on the experience gained therefrom survey for introduction of similar trains on some other routes may be considered in due course.

Indian Defence Personnel in Pakistani jails

100. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indian defence personnel in Pakistani jails and since when they have been there;

(b) whether any fresh efforts have been made for their return to India, after the death of the late President of Pakistan;

(c) if so, what have been the results thereof; and

(d) if no efforts have been made, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) 43 missing Indian defence personnel are believed to be in Pakistan jails since 1971.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of Pakistan have been taking the position that there are no such persons in their custody.

(d) Does not arise.

Relaxation of norms for construction of tourists Resorts

101. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have relaxed norms for construction of tourist resorts in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the specific location earmarked for the purpose and.

(c) whether the relaxations, if any, are for public sector undertakings engaged in the task or for private parties also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Central Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism have not relaxed norms for construction of tourist resorts in the Country.

(b) and (c) Dose not arise.

Prime Minister's visit to China

102. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred question 1131 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th August, 1988 and to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister would be visiting China in the third week of December this year; if so, what is the exact date and length of the visit!

(b) whether the border question between India and China has been set aside and whether there is any change in the attitude

of China on the dispute and its claim on India's vast territories including state of Arunachal Pradesh on the eve of Prime Minister's visit;

(c) whether the question of border dispute came up for discussion between high level Indian delegation led by Shri K.P.S. Menon, and Chinese leaders in view of Prime Minister's willingness to visit China; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome of the visit of above delegation with reference to border dispute and whether Prime Minister would discuss the problem with the Chinese leaders regarding need for vacating the Indian territory occupied by China?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Details are being worked out.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The delegation visited China to make preparations for the Prime Minister's visit. The border issue came up as a subject that would be discussed during the visit. Obviously, the Prime Minister will present the country's stand when the issue is discussed.

Declaration of cease-fire in Sri Lanka by India

103. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T. R BALU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the reasons for the declaration of cease-fire initially for five days in Sri Lanka by the Government of India on 14th September, 1988 and for what reasons it was extended for another five days;

(b) what were the suggestions and proposals placed before the Tamil militants alongwith the cease-fire; and

(c) what are the reasons for which the operations of the IPKF were resumed?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Initially to give all Tamil groups a chance to participate in the elections to the North-Eastern Province. Extended at the request of some Tamil citizens of Sri Lanka who claimed that this would evoke a positive response from the LTTE.

(b) All militant groups who wished to participate in the elections were invited to lay down their arms, extended support to the Indo-Sri Lanka agreement and take part in the elections.

(c) LTTE's continued obduracy and its efforts to take advantage of the cease-fire to regroup and to extort 'taxes' from the people of the North and the East.

Out-voting of India on the Venue for Commonwealth Games

104. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India was out-voted by 2/3rd majority on the venue of 1994 Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, what were the main reasons and the countries which did not vote for India; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the countries had assured their help but later on withdrew from it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) There were three countries which had bid for 1994 Commonwealth Games, namely, Canada